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Examiner: Liu, Hong

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 21, 2003.

Claims 1-75 are pending.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to a single disclosed species under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Applicants elect as a species for searching purposes, methyl 2-{4-[(N-acetyl-4-[(carboxycarbonyl)(2-carboxyphenyl)amino]-3-ethylphenylalanyl)amino]butoxy}-6-hydroxybenzoate.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on all non-elected subject matter of the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims.



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